

ARIZONA NEWS AND COMMENT

A company of Douglas business men to be known as the Douglas-Courtland Development company has been organized to develop claims adjoining the rich gold strike on the Frone claims, two miles northeast of Courtland.

The future of baseball in Douglas seems to be assured. A new stock association has been organized and the stock is being rapidly subscribed, so that the club will be well financed when the season of 1910 opens.

A little seven-year-old Mexican boy of Douglas played with a giant eap a few days ago and met with an accident which cost him three of his fingers. The little chap showed remarkable bravery never whimpering up to the time chloroform was administered.

Assays returned from the Whittell Copper property near Bisbee show high percentage of silver, copper, lead and zinc.

The annual observance of All Saints' day occurred at San Xavier mission near Tucson Thursday and Friday. In addition the new (Gloria) Boulder was dedicated; and the Papago Indians celebrated their annual Harvest Festival.

A driving club has been organized at Bisbee for the purpose of promoting interest in light harness events. Race meets will be held at stated intervals throughout the year.

Surveyors are at work on the railroad line to be built by the Cananea company over the Los Animas plateau.

It is stated that regular shipments, averaging 100 tons daily from the Shattuck mine of the Warren district, Bisbee, to the Douglas smelter, will be resumed about January 1.

Steven Janus, until recently superintendent of the Western Nevada hotel school, has been transferred to Rollins, N. Y., the school there being one of the new and larger institutions.

The Southern Belle, a rich gold property in southwestern Pinal county, has been taken over by practical mining men of California and Nevada, who will begin operations at once. The property was closed fifteen years ago at the former owner's death and has since been held by his estate.

V. M. C. A. directors of Bisbee pass resolutions commending C. E. Buchner, who has been general secretary of the association there for more than three years. Buchner has been called to a responsible position in the state work of the V. M. C. A. of Oklahoma.

Jess Smith, who has been deputy collector of customs at Naco, has gone to Washington to accept a position in the bureau of engineering. Chief inspector Fitznerbert has been appointed to fill the vacancy caused by Smith's resignation.

On January 1 the Copper Queen company of Bisbee and Douglas will inaugurate a benefit association which will accord to the employees of the company as cheap accident insurance and sick benefits as received by employees anywhere in the world. It is simply a mutual benefit association of the employees, and in addition the Copper Queen contributes to the insurance fund and guarantees the safety of the fund and the interest on the same.

Drifting on the 1300 level of the Dean mine at Bisbee has begun.

J. C. Adams will resign from the Fair commission and will ask to be made territorial treasurer.

Tracklaying has been resumed on the line of the Arizona and California railroad from Parker, Ariz., to Bengal, Cal.

The Arizona Overland and Home Telephone companies have been merged as one corporation.

The postoffice at Clifton was allowed an additional clerk, beginning December 1.

The Nickelplate Mining company, composed of Tucson people, was recently incorporated with a capitalization of \$400,000, and will develop a group of claims east of Tucson and Hualapai.

A house to house canvass is being made in Phoenix with petitions for a municipal light and power plant. The matter will be placed before the council Monday evening.

Prof. R. W. Clothier of the University of Arizona will address an institute of Sulphur Springs valley farmers at Douglas December 14.

A newly organized football eleven of Phoenix challenges Tucson to make up an eleven to play against them at the Old Pueblo.

Two belligerent drunken Mexicans were arrested near Gila Bend while threatening to clean out a camp of thirty men in a section gang.

Miss Marguerite Burns, daughter of the former weather observer of Phoenix, died recently at Washington, D. C., just one week before the date set for her wedding.

The new electric light plant at the academy at Thatcher is almost completed and will begin operations within a few days.

From ten to fifteen desert entries of land under the San Carlos irrigation project are being received daily at the Phoenix land office.

Olson's county hospital plans are again accepted at Tombstone after having been once rejected on charges of

illegal procedure. Bids on the plans will be opened January 3.

V. H. Giffin, found with ten cans of opium in his possession, was arrested in Phoenix Thursday, charged with smuggling.

It is rumored that the grand jury of Cochise county will advise moving the county seat from Tombstone to Douglas.

Douglas postoffice shows an increase of 14 per cent in business of 1909 over that of 1908.

DETAILS OF RACING WHICH RESULTED IN TRAGEDY

Facts Brought Out in Preliminary Hearing at Thatcher

At the preliminary hearing of Walter and Gilbert Layton held at Central Thursday, the defendants were bound over charged with manslaughter to await the action of the next grand jury, the bond being fixed at \$2,000 apiece, says George Crosby's paper. The territory was represented by District Attorney McAllister and Judge McFarland of Solomonville. The defense was represented by Judge F. S. Nave of Globe. The case was in session about five hours. The most important witnesses were the Layton boys and the Cluff girls who were in the buggy at the time of the accident. A little confusion of testimony by these witnesses delayed the court, some saying that they were trotting and others stated that they were galloping at the time of the accident.

The boys on the witness stand stated they began racing about 400 yards from the place of the accident, both passing on the same side and as the last buggy passed the ladies, Mrs. Coombs jumped and was run over by her own buggy. Mrs. Loughgreen jumped about twenty yards from where Mrs. Coombs jumped and was run over by Alex Layton's buggy, (the Layton not concerned in the race), the cause of the runaway as stated by the witnesses was caused by the boy that was in the front buggy hitting his horse as he started to pass the buggy containing the ladies. The lines were reported to have been in very poor condition. The boys stated on the stand that when they saw Mrs. Coombs jump they thought it a laprobe.

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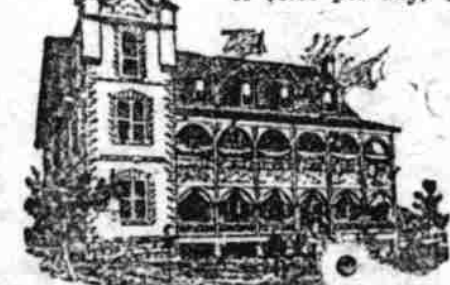
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